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SUBJECT: FRENCH DIFFICULTIES WITH ADOPTION OF NEW
FRG ANTI-TERRORISM LAW IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 1750

(B) BONN 14018

(C) USBERLIN 1737

1. ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS WERE UNABLE TO SCHEDULE MEETING, WHICH FRENCH HAD REQUESTED (REF B), TO DISCUSS TAKE-OVER OF ANTI-TERRORISM LAW IN BERLIN UNTIL AUGUST 31. AT THAT TIME US REP TABLED DRAFT BK/L, PREPARED BY USMISSION AND CONTAINED REFTEL A, AND DRAFT BK/O, CONTAINED PARA 5 REFTEL C. ONLY CHANGE MADE IN TEXT AS SUBMITTED IS REPLACEMENT IN BOTH DRAFTS OF "ESPECIALLY" AFTER "RESPONSIBILITIES," BY WORDS "INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THOSE".

2. US REP USED POINTS MADE BY USMISSION BERLIN IN
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REFTEL C TO EXPLAIN US PREFERENCE FOR PERMITTING

ADOPTION OF LAW IN BERLIN SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS THAT WOULD HAVE GENERAL APPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO ALL ACTIVITIES OF FEDERAL PROSECUTOR IN BERLIN.

3. FRENCH REP (LASSUS) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PERMITTING SUCH ADOPTION COULD HAVE EFFECT OF INCREASING OR SEEMING TO INCREASE NUMBER OF BERLIN CASES TO BE HANDLED BY FEDERAL PROSECUTOR. HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO PURSUE SUBJECT IN DETAIL, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESSURES. LASSUS LEAVES BONN TO BECOME DEPUTY POLAD OF FRENCH MISSION BERLIN END OF THIS WEEK, AND HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDABLE PREFERENCE TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER UNTIL RETURN OF BOISSIEU LATER THIS WEEK. ALL REPS ARE AWARE OF URGENCY AS SUBJECT LAW IS ALREADY IN EFFECT IN FRG AND BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ADOPTION ON AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 9.
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